

MAKINO, K.  
Appl. No. to be assigned  
January 26, 2004

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

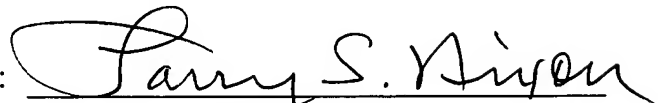
The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies to reduce the filing fee.

An examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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